

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

METHOD FOR FORMING COMPACT FROM POWDER AND MOLD APPARATUS
FOR POWDER MOLDING

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/014643 filed November 18, 2003 which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-338621 filed on November 21, 2002 both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on June 3, 2004 as WO 2004/045841 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 3, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Alternatively, the solution may eventually result in a thickness of the crystallized layer by completely solving a water-soluble lubricant in water in the solution so that a concentration of the lubricant is greater than or equal to the concentration resulting from one molecule thickness of the lubricant, but less than the concentration of the saturated solution.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--The water-soluble lubricant should have a concentration greater than or equal to a concentration ~~defined by one molecule of the lubricant forming at which~~ the thickness of the crystallized layer is defined by one molecule of the lubricant, but less than a concentration of a saturated solution. More specifically, the concentration should range from 1 ppm to the

concentration of the saturated solution. This is because the concentration of less than 1 ppm makes it difficult to obtain a stably lubricating crystallized layer unless the lubricant is applied to the mold body in large quantities, while the saturated concentration or above does not allow the lubricant to be completely dissolved so that it is precipitated as a solid, thus casing troubles such as the clogging of the spray pump 6 when applying lubricant using the same.--